

## **Idaho Division**

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Reply To: HPR-ID

Ms. Pamela K. Lowe, Director Idaho Transportation Department P.O. Box 7129 Boise, ID 83707

Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #4

Dear Ms. Lowe:

Your January 15, 2009 letter requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #4 providing for the addition of three projects, the deletion of one project, and modifications to two projects.

Since none of the projects included in this amendment are either intermodal in nature or have any consequence to the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority for the requested action.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

- 1. The proposed changes have either already been communicated to the public through appropriate outreach meetings or qualify as grouped projects per 23 CFR 450.324(f); therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
- 2. The affected projects are outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
- 3. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act, and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, Amendment #4 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

R. Scott Frey Transportation Engineer

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